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RECOGNIZING THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION CENTER FOR  
HEALTH POLICY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO FOR ITS  
ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE PROMISE.

WHEREAS, the Robert Wood Johnson foundation center for  
health policy is a collaborative project established in 2007  
between the Robert Wood Johnson foundation and the university  
of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the center is to become a nationally  
recognized location where research is conducted that will  
inform health policy debates at multiple levels; and

WHEREAS, the center is home to leading experts on health  
policy, nursing, economics, sociology, anthropology,  
psychology, political science and journalism; and

WHEREAS, the center serves to increase the number and

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1 diversity of those with formal training in those fields who  
2 engage in health services and health policy research; and

3 WHEREAS, the center is the only institution dedicated to  
4 increasing the number of leaders from Latino and American  
5 Indian communities to help shape the future of the state's and  
6 nation's health care; and

7 WHEREAS, since its inception, the center has accomplished  
8 numerous significant achievements, including establishing the  
9 center for Native American health policy, creating the  
10 institute for the study of race and social justice, developing  
11 a policy brief on health care reform in New Mexico and  
12 publishing a book, *Good Food, Good Health - from Field to Feast*  
13 *Wellness Handbook*; and

14 WHEREAS, the center is poised to provide significant  
15 assistance to the New Mexico legislature, beginning with its  
16 policy brief on health care reform in New Mexico, which  
17 included information from a statewide survey of New Mexico  
18 adults that examined their attitudes regarding health care  
19 reform; and

20 WHEREAS, through additional surveys and analysis, the  
21 center will continue to contribute to the health reform debate  
22 in New Mexico; and

23 WHEREAS, through its initiatives, the center is addressing  
24 pressing social, economic and cultural issues that affect the  
25 well-being of all New Mexicans and all Americans;

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